



Superior Court of the State of California

County of Kings

1426 South Drive, Hanford, CA 93230

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There will be absolutely no refunds or exchanges on the purchase of court forms or packets

**Adoption
Packet Purchase Price: \$ 5.00**

The following forms are included in this packet :

Forms last revised on:	FORM NUMBER	FORM NAME
Information ONLY forms (do not make copies of or file these forms):		
01-01-03	ADOPT 050	How to Adopt a Child in California
	letter	Information letter to applicant regarding Investigation (for Stepparent or Domestic Partner Adoptions ONLY)
Forms needed to open a case:		
01-01-04	ADOPT 200	Adoption Request
01-01-03	ADOPT 230	Adoption Expenses (not for stepparent or domestic partner)
Forms completed and lodged in the file:		
01-01-06	ADOPT 210	Adoption Agreement
01-01-06	ADOPT 215	Adoption Order
01-04	VS44	Court Report of Adoption (This form is not included in this packet, but is available upon <u>specific request</u> at the clerk's office. One form is required to be lodged prior to the hearing for each child)
Questionnaires submitted with investigation fee: (see checklist on letter to applicant for additional information needed for the investigation)		
	Local form	Stepparent/Domestic Partner Adoption Questionnaire
	Local form	Stepparent/Domestic Partner Witness Questionnaires (x6)
Other forms:		
	Local form	Consent to Adoption by Parent <i>In California</i> Giving Custody to Husband or Wife of Other Parent
	Local form	Consent to Adoption by Parent <i>Outside California</i> Giving Custody to Husband or Wife of Other Parent

There are other forms, which may be necessary in your particular case, available upon specific request.

FEES DUE AS FOLLOWS:

Filing Adoption Request	\$ 20.00 per child
Investigation fee for Stepparent and/or Domestic Partner Adoptions	\$ 150.00 (paid upon return of Investigation Packet)

Please note: if paying by check these two fees must be on separate checks.

To all persons representing themselves in an adoption case:

- ❖ The Court will require the same adherence to all of the laws of the State and California Rules of Court, as if you were represented by an attorney.
- ❖ All pleadings and papers must be TYPED or LEGIBLY HANDWRITTEN in blue or black ink.
- ❖ Upon filing, you must provide the Clerk with the **original** and a **minimum of (2) copies** of each form presented for filing. The original is for the file and any/all copies will be returned to you.
- ❖ Personnel in the clerk's office have been instructed not to file any papers which are not properly completed.
- ❖ Clerk personnel are not permitted to, nor will they give legal advice or help in completing any form. Please do not ask our clerks to give you legal assistance or advice. The Clerk of the Court and his deputies are prohibited by law from rendering legal assistance or advice in court proceedings (Sec. 24004 & 68082 Gov. code). Persons appearing in their own behalf are responsible for preparing and presenting their pleadings in complete and proper form without legal assistance from deputies of the Superior Court Clerk's office. Questions pertaining to legal matters or the proper completion of the appropriate forms should be answered by an attorney.